

convenient for grasses; just put a drop of Tide solution on a spikelet and dissect. After dissection, excess solution may be soaked up with a cloth or blotter. A small bottle of solution keeps for several months, and eventually molds, but the cost and time for replacement are negligible.

Seeds and other small objects, a millimeter or less in diameter, are most easily picked up by use of a stylus made of a narrow strip of cellulose acetate (safety film), cut to a fine point. Rub the stylus once or twice against the clothes, and it will pick up a small object by static electricity, holding it with such tenacity that it must be pushed off with a needle.—N. C. FASSETT, University of Wisconsin.

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DIERVILLA SESSILIFOLIA IN VIRGINIA.—In August, 1948, while motoring south from Front Royal, Virginia, along the Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park, I left the car after going a few miles and took one of the trails which led out to a rocky promontory on Hogback Mountain in Warren County. Here, overlooking the Shenandoah Valley at an elevation of about 3,000 feet, I found growing in dry rocky soil several bushes of the southern *Diervilla sessilifolia* Buckley. I have seen this frequently farther south in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina but never before in Virginia. Small gives its northern limit as North Carolina and Tennessee and it is not included in the 7th edition of Gray.

Having been found now in the mountains of northwest Virginia, it should be looked for farther south along the Blue Ridge in that State.—FRANCIS WELLES HUNNEWELL, Gray Herbarium.

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